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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,18,29,30,32-34,45,46,74-77 and 83-85 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,18,29,30,32-34,45,46,74-77 and 83-85 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date Z.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to communication filed on 12/31/2003.
2. Applicant elected claims 1, 18, 29, 30, 32-34, 45, 46, 74-77 and 83-85.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

3. Claims 1, 18, 29, 30, 32-34, 45, 46, 74-77 and 83-85 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-40, 111-113, 126-127, 136-137 and 146 of copending Application No.09/679,039. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the co-pending application further recites transmitting ad-statistical data. Calculating and transmitting statistical data it is old and well known in business in order to calculate and transmit statistical data in order to make educated assumptions and statements on a particular subject. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to

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have included transmitting ad-statistical data in order to achieve the above mentioned advantage.

4. Claims 1, 18, 29, 30, 32-34, 45, 46, 74-77 and 83-85 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-48 of copending Application No.09/679,038. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the copending application further recites an ad link history display window that lists links to the sources of advertisements that the user has previously visited. Listing the sources of advertisements or information that the user has previously visited it is old and well known in order to keep track of the success of the different sources of advertisements. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have included a display window that lists links to the sources of advertisements that the user has previously visited in order to achieve the above mentioned advantage.

5. Claims 1, 18, 29, 30, 32-34, 45, 46, 74-77 and 83-85 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-51 of copending Application No.09/728,693. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the copending application further recites that the advertisement download communication link and the data communication link are separate communication links. It is old and well known in the communication and networking arts to have various communication links because such a modification would allow for easier transmission of

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data. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have link are separate communication links in order to achieve the above mentioned advantage.

6. Claims 1, 18, 29, 30, 32-34, 45, 46, 74-77 and 83-85, are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 and 51-53 of copending Application No.09/668,553. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the co-pending application further recites transmitting ad obscured ad monitor function that determines whether an obscured ad condition has occurred, whereby the obscured ad condition occurs when an advertisement current being displayed on the display associated with the client device is being obscured by one or more other items currently being displayed on the display and an obscured nag function that generates an obscured ad nag display in response to detection of the obscured ad condition, wherein the obscured nag display notifies the user of the obscured ad condition. Since, monitoring and displaying various advertisements which can occupy the entire portion of the display along with banner advertisements is obvious in on-line advertisements then it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included detecting if a displayed advertisement such as a banner advertisements is being obscured by an advertisement and notifying the user in order for the user to be aware that might not be compensated for viewing the banner advertisements that is being obscured by the advertisement.

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7. Claims 1, 18, 29, 30, 32-34, 45, 46, 74-77 and 83-85 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 18-33, 59 and 62 of copending Application No.09/668,331. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the co-pending application further recites a playlist that identifies the advertisements to be downloaded. Identifying or selecting the advertisements to be downloaded is obvious and well known in order to provide some sort of order within the system. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included transmitting ad-statistical data in order to achieve the above mentioned advantage.

8. Claims 1, 18, 29, 30, 32-34, 45, 46, 74-77 and 83-85 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 46-70 and 74-76 of copending Application No.09/668,632. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the co-pending application further recites an e-mail function for receiving and sending e-mail to other client devices. Sending and receiving e-mail to other clients is old and well known in the computer related arts in order to receive messages immediately from other clients. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included receiving and sending e-mail messages in order to achieve the above mentioned advantage.

9. Claims 1, 18, 29, 30, 32-34, 45, 46, 74-77 and 83-85 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being

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unpatentable over claims 36-70, 74-76 and 78 of copending Application No.09/668,515.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the present application further recites three operating modes.

Different operating modes such as Online and offline operating modes are known in the computer related arts in order to provide different states of the program. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included receiving and sending e-mail messages in order to achieve the above mentioned advantage.

10. Claims 1, 18, 29, 30, 32-34, 45, 46, 74-77 and 83-85 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1,9-11,14-24,43,45-54,77-79,81,82,84,86-92,94,95,97-105,107-109 and 111 of copending Application No.09/668,631. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the copending application further recites a playlist that identifies the advertisements to be downloaded. Identifying or selecting the advertisements to be downloaded is obvious and well known in order to provide some sort of order within the system. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included transmitting ad-statistical data in order to achieve the above mentioned advantage.

11. Claims 1, 18, 29, 30, 32-34, 45, 46, 74-77 and 83-85 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-53 of copending Application No.09/668,600. Although the

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conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the instant application further recites a third operating mode in which the software switches the operating from a first operating mode to a second operating mode, wherein the second operating mode has less features than the first operating mode. Official notice is taken that it is old and well known in the computer related arts to switch from one operating mode to another operating mode that has less features when a problem arises with one of the operating mode because such a modification would allow the software to operate with less features and in that case less problems are less likely to occur. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included switching from a first operating mode to a second operating mode, wherein the second operating mode has less features than the first operating mode in order to obtain the above mentioned advantage.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

12. Claims 1, 18, 29-30, 32-34, 45, 74-77 and 83 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Marsh et al. (5,848,397 hereinafter Marsh).

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With respect to claim 1, Marsh teaches Marsh teaches software for use on a client device that is configured for communications with a multiplicity of other client devices via a communication network (Abstract). At least one ad server that stores the advertisements to be distributed to the client devices, each advertisement being stored in a storage location designated by a source address (Figure 8); at least one playlist server that receives the playlist request from each of the client devices, and that transmits a playlist response in response to each playlist request (Figure 8 and col. 15, lines 10-20); and wherein the playlist response transmitted to each client device included at least one playlist that identifies advertisements to be downloaded by that client device (col. 15, lines 1-10).

With respect to claims 18,29, 30, Marsh further teaches that the advertisement being stored in a storage location designated by a uniform resource identifier (col. 8, lines 47-63).

With respect to claims 32-34, 45, 74-76, 83, Marsh further teaches that the playlist is received at prescribed playlist check intervals and each advertisement is limited to a prescribed maximum time duration (col. 3, lines 28-37).

With respect to claim 77, Marsh further teaches that the client device is online for the purpose of sending and/or receiving e-mail messages (i.e. Showcase advertisements are invoked when Online)(col. 7, lines 1 to col. 8, lines 1-11).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

13. Claims 46, 84-85 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marsh.

Claim 46 further recites a first state and a second state whereby the client device merges its current playlist in the first state and does not merge its playlist in a second state. Marsh teaches displaying the playlist in different fashion. With respect to switching from one mode to a different mode based on the merging of the playlist versus not merging the playlist. Official notice is taken that it is old and well known in the computer related arts to switch from one operating mode to another operating mode when different functions are being performed. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included as one of the choices switching the operating from a first operating mode to a second operating mode, wherein the second operating mode in order to obtain the above mentioned advantage.

Claims 84-85 further recite displaying at least ones of the advertisements in a linear manner or random manner. Official notice is taken that it is old and well known to display in a linear manner or random manner in order to provide an output that is

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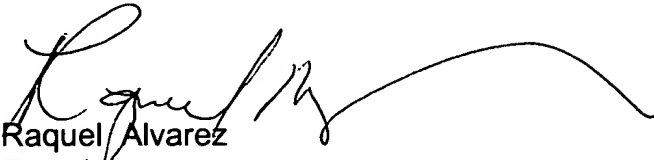
proportional. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included recites displaying at least ones of the stored advertisements in a linear manner or ransom manner in order to achieve the above mentioned advantage.

Point of contact

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raquel Alvarez whose telephone number is (703)305-0456. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric w Stamber can be reached on (703)305-8469. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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